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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UN CONFERENCE
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT
ALAFD, ALEAP, ALNED TAKE AS PRIORITY ACTION
REFERENCE: A-4277 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: A) PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (PREP COM) OF UN
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT
(UNCSTD) WILL HOLD SECOND SESSION IN GENEVA, JANUARY 23 TO
FEBRUARY 3. UNCSTD, WORLD CONFERENCE SIMILAR TO THOSE
PREVIOUSLY HELD ON ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION, ETC. IS
SCHEDULED FOR AUSTRIA IN LATE SUMMER 1979. ITS BASIC PUR-
POSE IS TO EXPLORE HOW BEST TO HARNESS SCIENCE AND TECH-
NOLOGY (S AND T) TO PROCESS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
WITH EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING WORLD.

B) ACTIVITIES DURING PREPARATORY PERIOD ARE BEGINNING TO
REACH POINT WHERE ASSISTANCE FROM FIELD NEEDED. AS
SPECIFIC NEEDS ARISE, POSTS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH NECESSARY
BACKGROUND AND INSTRUCTIONS.

C) THIS MESSAGE ASKS ADDRESSEE POSTS (NON-COMMUNIST LDCS
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PLUS YUGOSLAVIA), UNLESS POST HAS REASONS TO CONTRARY, TO

A) INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF MAKE-UP OF U.S. DELEGATION
AND ITS APPROACH TO PREP COM;

B) SEEK SIMILAR INFO RE HOST GOVERNMENT; AND

C) CONVEY GENERAL POINTS RE U.S. POSTURE TOWARD UNCSTD.

D) POSTS SHOULD REPORT BY CABLE (REPEATED TO GENEVA AND
USUN) ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED, NO LATER THAN JANUARY 18,
INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT BIO INFORMATION ON HEADS OR IMPORTANT
MEMBERS OF PREP COM DELEGATIONS. WHEREVER POSSIBLE,
REQUESTED APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE TO BOTH FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND OTHER MINISTRY/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR UNCSTD
PREPARATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. U.S. DELEGATION TO PREPCOM. U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE
HEADED BY AMBASSADOR (AND FSO) JEAN WILKOWSKI (U.S. AMBASSA-
DOR IN ZAMBIA 1972 TO 1975 AND, SINCE AUGUST 1976, U.S.
COORDINATOR FOR UNCSTD); DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION WILL BE
DR. RODNEY NICHOLS (VICE PRESIDENT OF ROCKEFELLER UNIVER-

SITY, NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER OF UN EXPERT BODY ACAST -- ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT, AND MEMBER OF PREVIOUS U.S. DELEGATIONS TO UNCSTD AND PREP COM MEETINGS). DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE DR. HARVEY AVERCH OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, MS. MARJORIE BELCHER OF AID (PLUS OFFICIALS FROM OES AND IO).

2. U.S. THINKING RE PREP COM. PREP COM WILL SEBKAGREEMENT ON SUBJECT AREAS (MAXIMUM OF FIVE) FOR AGENDA OF 1979 CONFERENCE, AND REVIEW PROGRESS IN PREPARATION FOR UNCSTD, PARTICULARLY NATIONAL PAPERS. PREP COM FOLLOWS SERIES OF SPECIAL SESSIONS CONVENED OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS BY UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TOSEEKREGIONAL AGREEMENT ON SUBJECT UNCLASSIFIED

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AREAS AND IDENTIFY PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO NATIONAL PAPERS. STRONG ATTENTION WAS GIVEN IN EACH REGION TO SUBJECT AREAS ENCOMPASSED IN BASIC HUMAN NEEDS (FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, HOUSING, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY).

A. SUBJECT AREAS. POSTS SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT U.S. RECOGNIZES THAT, GIVEN FOCUS OF UNCSTD ON MOBILIZING S AND T FOR DEVELOPING WORLD, LDCS LIKELY PLAY MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN CHOOSING FIVE SUBJECT AREAS. AT SAME TIME, U.S. CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT UNCSTD FOCUS ATTENTION ON: A) ROLE S AND T CAN PLAY IN BETTER MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND B) MEANS FOR STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED IN LDCS TO GENERATE AND SUSTAIN THEIR OWN S AND T CAPABILITIES; THAT IS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES TO LDCS, INSTEAD OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ITSELF. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED

BY THE EMPHASIS ALREADY GIVEN IN LDC PREPARATIONS TO BOTH OF THESE AREAS. (FYI SUCH FOCUS COULD ALSO HELP AVOID EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS RE POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY USG IN FIELDS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY. PREDOMINANCE OF PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY IN THESE FIELDS LIMITS OPTIONS OPEN TO USG. MOREOVER, IMPORTANT ISSUE OF CODE TO GOVERN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IS ALREADY BEING DEALT WITH IN UNCTAD. DISCUSSION IN UNCSTD WOULD DETRACT FROM OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS, BE DUPLICATIVE AND WASTEFUL, AND MIGHT EXACERBATE DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF CODE IN UNCTAD. END FYI)

B. NATIONAL PAPERS. EACH UN MEMBER IS TO SUBMIT BY MAY 1, 1978, NATIONAL PAPER (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH POSITION PAPERS WHICH US AND OTHERS WILL PREPARE ON UNCSTD AGENDA ITEMS AND ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS). NATIONAL PAPERS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE MAINLY DESCRIPTIVE AND INTENDED TO EXAMINE NATIONAL INTERESTS, NEEDS, CAPABILITIES AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES (SUCCESSES AND FAILURES) IN APPLYING S AND T TO DEVELOPMENT.

OUR DELEGATION WILL DESCRIBE ACTIVITIES/PLANS FOR U.S. NATIONAL PAPER, AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING OF ACTIVITIES/PLANS OF OTHERS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION POSTS CAN SECURE ON WHETHER HOST GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO MEET MAY 1 DEADLINE OR IS AMONG GROWING NUMBER WHICH, UNCSTD SECRETARIAT INFORMS US, ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE AND MAKE IT LIKELY PREP COM WILL DECIDE TO EXTEND DEADLINE BY THREE MONTHS.

3. U.S. POSTURE TOWARD UNCSTD. OUR DECISION NOT TO ACTIVELY PURSUE U.S. OFFER TO HOST UNCSTD (ORIGINALLY MADE AT 1976 UNGA) IS OPEN TO MISINTERPRETATION AS SIGNAL OF LESSENERED U.S. INTEREST IN UNCSTD. POSTS SHOULD OFFSET SUCH MISINTERPRETATION WHEREVER IT EXISTS BY: A) EXPLAININGUS CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM VIGOROUSLY PURSUING HOSTSHIP IN ORDER TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF DIVISIVE ISSUE AND AVOID COMPETITIVE SITUATION WITH MEXICO AND AUSTRIA (OTHER MAIN AND VERY ACTIVE COMPETITORS); AND B) ASSURING HOST GOVERNMENT OF USG DETERMINATION TO PLAY POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. FOR THIS PURPOSE, POSTS MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON EXCERPTS FROM ADMINISTRATION DECEMBER 15 STATEMENT TO SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE (BEING SENT SEPTTEL).

4. BILATERALS IN GENEVA. OUR DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO PREP COM AS OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN SERIES OF EXTENSIVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WE CONSIDER NECESSARY PRIOR TO 1979 CONFERENCE. DELEGATION HAS IN MIND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING PREP COM FOR BILATERAL SESSIONS -- INFORMAL AND UNSTRUCTURED BUT PERMITTING EXCHANGES IN GREATER DEPTH THAN NORMALLY POSSIBLE IN UN CORRIDORS -- WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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DELEGATIONS OF FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: INDONESIA, INDIA, SRI LANKA, EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA, TANZANIA, NIGERIA, VENEZUELA, MEXICO AND JAMACIA. (ON BASIS AVAILABLE INFO, THESE COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO PLAY LEADING ROLES IN PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD). WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS POSTS HAVE ON THESE PLANS AND CHOICE OF COUNTRIES. VANCE

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